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Acting Deputy State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

TITLE: Coal Washing and Transportation Allowance, OMB Control Number 1010-0074.

COMMENTS: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506(c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, and are inviting your comments. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the public's burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Copies of these comments should also be sent to us. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is RMP.comments@mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 4, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The product valuation process is essential to assure that the public and/or the Indians receive payment on the full value of the minerals being removed.

In some circumstances, lessees are authorized to deduct certain costs in the calculation of royalties due. An allowance may be granted from royalties to compensate lessees for the reasonable actual cost of washing the royalty portion of coal. Also, when the sales point is not in the immediate vicinity of a lease or mine area, an allowance may be granted to compensate lessees for the reasonable actual cost of transporting the royalty portion of coal to a sales point not on the lease or mine area.

Before any deductions are taken, the lessee with an arm's-length contract must submit page one of the Coal Washing Allowance Report, Form MMS-4292, or the Coal Transportation Allowance Report, MMS-4293. The allowances will be based on reasonable actual costs reported by the lessees and are subject to later audit.

Lessees with a non-arm's-length contract must also submit Form MMS-4292 or Form MMS-4293. All applicable pages of the allowance application forms should be submitted. The allowances will be based on reasonable actual costs reported by the lessees and are subject to later audit.

Description of Respondents: Lessees of Indian leases.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Forms: Forms MMS-4292 and MMS-4293.

Estimated Reporting Burden: 0.5 hour.

Estimated Recordkeeping Burden: 9 hours.

Annual Responses: 5 responses (including 1 response for Form MMS-4293 and 4 responses for contract submission).

Annual Burden Hours: 9.5 hours (rounded to 10 hours).

Bureau Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

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Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

TITLE: Oil Transportation Allowances, OMB Control Number 1010-0061.

COMMENTS: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506(c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, and are inviting your comments. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the public's burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (OMB Control Number 1010-0061), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Copies of these comments should also be sent to us. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is RMP.comments@mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

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